

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday September 16, 2009, in the Village Hall

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman) (A)
 Mike Albon (in the chair) Tony Starmer
 Everard Robinson Peter Houghton (A)
 Mrs Delia Pickerill

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Couns. Mrs Kath Owen and Peter Houghton.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on July 15, 2009**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Clerk's report** There was nothing to report.
5. **Casual Vacancy**
The clerk said he had not heard from Mr Chris Brown in regard to him joining the council as a co-opted member.

6. **Correspondence**

Coun. Mike Albon had contacted the clerk in regard to the closure of the Red Lion public house and the fear the car park there could become a target for itinerant families. The clerk said he had spoken to Punch Taverns, the owners. The matter was left to be dealt with in the Questions to the Council item later in the meeting.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of a free advertising opportunity for community events in the Christmas period and the clerk was asked to make known this availability. Rushcliffe Community Partnership advised of the 2009 Community Partnership Awards scheme and were seeking nominations.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave notice of its Annual General Meeting on November 18 at Epperstone Village Hall. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave details of its training seminar on the subject of 'Making Sense of Finance' on October 15 at Rolleston Village Hall. The clerk said he would attend and members agreed to part fund his attendance.

Nottinghamshire Branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England advised they were seeking nominations for The Valerie Gillespie Award for community projects. No suggestion was put forward.

Rushcliffe Borough Council gave details of the Licensing Act 2003 Legislative Reform (Supervision of Alcohol Sales in Church and Village Halls) Order 2009 and it was agreed the letter be sent to the Village Hall Committee. The Borough Council also reminded the council of its 'The Big Picture' public consultation event. The clerk said he had replied to say they would be happy to help publicise any event organised.

St Giles Church, Costock provided the information required in regard to their request for funding and it was agreed to make grants of £250 towards the churchyard maintenance and the insurance costs making it £500 in total.

Rushcliffe Borough Council and Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire gave details of a Parish Council Forum event on housing on September 29 at the Civic Centre, West Bridgford.

Clement Keys wrote as external auditors and said they were returning the Annual Return for 2008/2009 and were giving an unqualified acceptance of the accounts. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to say that the residential caravans sited at the Red Lion public house had now left the site.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in regard to the Safer Routes to School scheme and said at present the County Council had not decided on action in regard to a call for a 20mph limit outside Costock Primary School.

7. **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

09/01249/AGRIC Six Acres Nurseries; Building and associated hard-standing for storage of equipment and materials necessary for operation of business; Six Acres Nurseries, Loughborough Road. No objection

09/01397/FUL Mr Tim Kirk; Change of use of agricultural building to croft workshop; Glebe Farm, Wysall Road. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

09/01058/FUL Ms Brenda Read; Conservatory to rear; Holmleigh, Bunny Hill Top. Grant Permission

09/01122/FUL Mr and Mrs N Capsticks; Detached garage and conversion of former garage and outhouse into living accommodation; Cherrytree Cottage, Old Main Road. Grant Permission

09/01123/LBC Mr and Mrs N Capsticks; Detached garage and conversion of former garage and outhouse into living accommodation; Cherrytree Cottage, Old Main Road. Grant Listed Building Consent

09/01249/AGRIC Six Acres Nurseries; Building and associated hard-standing for storage of equipment and materials necessary for operation of business; Six Acres Nurseries, Loughborough Road. Permitted Development

Notice of Proposed Works to Trees

09/00071/CONARE Fell two willows and a cherry, pollard two willows; 1 Main Street, Costock Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not proposed to make a Tree Preservation Order and the work had been allowed to proceed.

8. **Village Hall** No matters were raised.
9. **Playing Field** No matters were raised.
10. **Finance** Members authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

Total expenditure for meeting	£647.08	£87.43	£734.51
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£2,966.42	£289.12	£3,255.54

11. Website

Figures for July and August were presented. Unique hits in July were 441 and August 264.

12. Questions to the Council

Coun. Mrs Pickerill said she had offered to deliver timetables for the new village bus service to each home and was being provided with a supply ready for taking round. She said there appeared to have been a few teething troubles with the new service but it was offering a good new service to the village.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.35pm to allow public participation.

Concerns were expressed at the possibility of travellers moving on to the vacant car park site at the Red Lion public house now it had been closed down. The acting chairman, Coun. Albon, said he had spoken to Punch Taverns and Alternative Hotel Group who between them owned the car park and adjacent field. A suggestion was made that the entrance and exit to the parking area be cordoned off with concrete blocks.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 9.03pm.

Members agreed to give power to the acting chairman and clerk to act as they felt appropriate in regard to dealing with the concerns being expressed.

13. **Date for Next Meeting** was confirmed for October 21, 2009.

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items were put forward for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.